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## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FOR LOCAL STREETS 2006 PROGRAM APPROVED

CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRAFFIC ON your local street? The City's traffic-calming program uses traffic management techniques to try to alleviate neighborhood concerns. Two neighborhoods will be eligible for selection for the 2006 program approved by the City Council.

**Applications are due Monday, February 6.** For more information, visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keywords: Traffic calming, or call Amy Marohn at 952-563-4532.

## REMODELING PLANS? DON'T MISS THE HOME IMPROVEMENT FAIR



WANT to learn how to lay ceramic tile? Need tips on installing ceiling fans and light fixtures? Find out

more about the City's codes? Get the tools you need to nail down your remodeling plans at the Bloomington Home Improvement Fair on **Saturday, January 21, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**, at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. Exhibitors will represent a variety of trades, from window replacements to porch additions. City staff will also be available for questions. Admission is free. For details, call the Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority, 952-563-8937 or TTY 952-563-8740.

## HEATING BILLS ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS WHO need assistance with paying heating bills may be eligible for help. The Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin is accepting applications for its Energy Assistance Program (EAP), a federally funded program that assists income-eligible households in Hennepin County. The EAP runs through May 31, 2006. For more information, call 952-930-3541 or visit [www.capsh.org/energyassistance.htm](http://www.capsh.org/energyassistance.htm).



## WINTER FETE 2006 ONE COOL EVENT

PULL ON THE BOOTS, GLOVES AND HATS. IT'S TIME to celebrate winter in Bloomington. The fourth annual Winter Fete event will be held **Friday, January 20 - Sunday, January 22**. The kickoff event begins at 7 p.m. at Richardson Nature Center, 8737 E. Bush Lake Road, with a raptor show and stargazing program.

Throughout the weekend, enjoy a hockey exhibition featuring the Kennedy Mites vs. the Girls and Boys Varsity Teams, an Ice Harvest Festival, a Rock and Roll Skating Party and an Open House at the historic Gideon Pond House.

Are you a winter sports enthusiast? Sign up for the Cross Country Ski Race or Chilly Chili Bike Race. You can also try your hand at curling with demonstrations by the St. Paul Curling Club.

Winter Fete is a collaboration between Bloomington Parks and Recreation and the Three Rivers Parks District. For more information, call Mark Morrison at 952-563-8693 or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keywords: Winter Fete.



## VOTERS SELECT 2006 COUNCIL CHANGES IN AT-LARGE AND DISTRICT II SEATS

A FAMILIAR FACE AND TWO NEW representatives will make up the Bloomington City Council beginning in 2006. District I Councilmember Steve Peterson was reelected to his seat in the November General Election. Rod Axtell was elected to the District II Council seat currently held by Heather Harden and Karen Nordstrom became the newly elected Councilmember At Large representative, filling the seat currently held by Dave Abrams.



Councilmember **Steve Peterson**, an independent computer software consultant and 42-year resident, has served in District I since 2000. He said he looks forward to the Council's work in the upcoming year.

"We need to continue to make new residential places for seniors, press for mitigation of airport noise and address how to pay for street maintenance," Peterson said. "I'm also looking forward to working with residents to develop a new long-term plan for the city's future."

Peterson's service to the community also includes: member, Joint Airport Zoning Board, Statewide Public Safety Radio Board, National League of Cities Steering Committee, Sensible Land Use Coalition, and former chair, Bloomington Planning Commission.

**Karen Nordstrom**, a registered nurse, American Cancer Society advocate for 15 years, Bloomington Advisory Board of Health member and 2005 Health Promotion Award recipient, looks forward to continuing her commitment to community health issues.

"I would like to help Bloomington become an even better healthy, culturally vibrant community," she said.

Nordstrom, who has lived in Bloomington for 34 years, would also like to see the arts community continue to thrive. She is a Bloomington Fine Arts Council board member, a member and past president of the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra, and former chair and board member of Angelica Cantanti.



**Rod Axtell**, a managing partner for a recruiting and consulting firm, has lived in Bloomington for 20 years. His community involvement includes president and board member of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, board member and treasurer of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People and former coach and board member of Bloomington Athletic Association.

Axtell said it is important to keep up with the changing face of the community.

"We have tremendous assets including the airport, I-494 and I-35W in our backyard, a thriving hospitality industry, excellent parks and schools, and exceptional city government," Axtell said. "As our infrastructure and housing age, we need to leverage those assets to make sure that Bloomington remains a destination city."



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